

## Subpart B—Designated Areas and Permitted Events

### § 420.21 Procedure for designating areas for off-road vehicle use.

The Regional Director shall, to the extent practicable, hold public hearings to obtain interested user groups, local populace, and affected Federal, State, and county agencies' opinions for opening or closing an area or trail in a manner that provides an opportunity for the public to express themselves and have their views taken into account. The Regional Director may act independently if he/she deems emergency action to open or close or restrict areas and trails is necessary to attain the objectives of the regulations of this part.

(a) Regional Directors shall designate and publicize those areas and trails which are open to off-road vehicle use in accordance with § 420.23.

(b) Before any area or trail is opened to off-road vehicle use, the Regional Director will establish specific regulations which are consistent with the criteria in these regulations.

(c) The Regional Director will inspect designated areas and trails periodically to determine conditions resulting from off-road vehicle use. If he determines that the use of off-road vehicles will cause or is causing considerable adverse effects on the soil, vegetation, wildlife, wildlife habitat, or cultural or historic resources of particular areas or trails of the public lands, he shall immediately close such areas or trails to the type of off-road vehicle causing such effects. No area or trail shall be reopened until the Regional Director determines that adverse effects have been eliminated and that measures have been implemented to prevent future recurrence. The public shall be notified of restrictions or closure in accordance with § 420.23.

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### § 420.22 Criteria for off-road vehicle areas.

(a) Areas and trails to be opened to off-road vehicle use shall be located:

(1) To minimize the potential hazards to public health and safety, other than

the normal risks involved in off-road vehicle use.

(2) To minimize damage to soil watershed, vegetation, or other resources of the public lands.

(3) To minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats.

(4) To minimize conflicts between off-road vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure compatibility of uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

(5) In furtherance of the purposes and policy of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (Pub. L. 91-190, 83 Stat. 852).

(b) Areas and trails shall not be located in areas possessing unique natural, wildlife, historic, cultural, archeological, or recreational values unless the Commissioner determines that these unique values will not be adversely affected.

### § 420.23 Public notice and information.

Areas and trails may be marked with appropriate signs to permit, control or prohibit off-road vehicle use on Reclamation lands. All notices concerning the regulation of off-road vehicles shall be posted in a manner that will reasonably bring them to the attention of the public. A copy of any notice shall be made available to the public in the regional office and field offices where appropriate. Such notice, and the reasons therefore, shall be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER together with such other forms of public notice or news release as may be appropriate and necessary to adequately describe the conditions of use and the time periods when the areas involved in an action under these regulations are to be (a) opened to off-road vehicle use, (b) restricted to certain types of off-road vehicle use and (c) closed to off-road vehicle use.

### § 420.24 Permits for organized events.

Regional Directors may issue permits for the operation of off-road vehicles in organized races, rallies, meets, endurance contests, and other events on

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areas designed for each event. The application for such an event shall:

(a) Be received by the Regional Director at least 60 days before the event;

(b) Provide a plan for restoration and rehabilitation of trails and areas used, and demonstrate that the prospective permittee can be bonded for or deposit the amount that may be required to cover the cost;

(c) Demonstrate that special precautions will be taken to:

(1) Protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public; and

(2) Minimize damage to the land and related resources.

(d) Application fees (in amounts to be determined) as authorized by section 2 of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (78 Stat. 897), as amended, shall accompany all applications.

### § 420.25 Reclamation lands administered by other agencies.

(a) Off-road vehicle use will be administered in accordance with Executive Order 11644, by those Federal and non-Federal agencies which have assumed responsibility for management of Reclamation lands for recreation purposes.

Specifically:

(1) Reclamation lands managed by the National Park Service, the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, the Bureau of Land Management, the Forest Service, and other Federal agencies will be administered in accordance with regulations of those agencies.

(2) Reclamation lands managed by non-Federal entities will be administered in a manner consistent with both part 420 and applicable non-Federal laws and regulations.

(b) Public lands withdrawn, but not yet utilized for Reclamation purposes, will be administered by the Forest Service or by the Bureau of Land Management in accordance with regulations of those agencies, but consistent with Reclamation requirements for retaining the land.

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### § 421.1 Applicability.

These rules and regulations apply to Hoover Dam and all structures, buildings, and grounds appurtenant thereto which are situated on lands over which the United States has concurrent legislative jurisdiction, and to all persons entering in or on such property.

### § 421.2 Preservation of property.

The following are prohibited: The improper disposal of rubbish; the creation of any hazard to persons or things; the throwing of articles of any kind from the roadway, walks, or guardrails across the top of the dam, from the parking areas or visitor observation points, or from any other structure or building; the climbing upon the guardrails of the dam or upon the roof or any part of any building or structure; and the willful destruction, damage, or removal of property or any part thereof.

### § 421.3 Conformity with signs and emergency directions.

Official signs of a prohibitory or directory nature and the directions of uniformed police officers shall be complied with.

### § 421.4 Disturbances.

The following conduct is prohibited: That which is disorderly; which creates loud and unusual noise; which obstructs the usual use of roadways, parking lots, observation points, entrances, foyers, corridors, walkways,